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Dear Mr. Lagomarsino:

I am replying to your letter of June 5 to Belden Bell of my staff inquiring about Secretary Haig's upcoming visit to China.

Secretary Haig will be in China June 14-17. While there, he will meet with Vice Chairman Deng Xiaoping, Premier Zhao Ziyang, Vice Premier/Foreign Minister Huang Hua, Vice Premier/Defense Minister Geng Biao, and Vice Premier Bo Yibo. Their talks will address a wide range of global strategic issues, regional security issues, such as the situations in Southeast and Southwest Asia, and bilateral issues, including Taiwan. The Secretary will also be prepared to discuss Chinese access to American military equipment and technology, a subject first raised during Defense Secretary Brown's January 1980 visit to China.

Normal Chinese practice is not to issue joint communiques during visits below the head of state level. We expect that this tradition will be followed in the case of Secretary Haig's visit. The Secretary or his representative will be prepared to review the trip and the discussions held with Chinese leaders with members of the Congress upon his return. I should note in this regard that John H. Holdridge, Assistant Secretary for East Asian and Pacific Affairs, briefed the House Foreign Affairs Committee on June 5 on the Secretary's trip.

Regarding your inquiry on the composition of the delegation to China, I am enclosing a list of the members of the Secretary's party.

Sincerely,

Richard Fairbanks
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Congressional relations

Enclosure:

As stated

The Honorable

Robert J. Lagomarsino,
House of Representatives.

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